

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To appoint Mr. Joel Caston to the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Sentencing Commission Joel Caston Appointment Resolution of 2023".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia appoints:

Joel Caston
C Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003
(Ward 7)

as a citizen of the District of Columbia member of the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission, established by section 2 of the Advisory Commission on Sentencing Establishment Act of 1998, effective October 16, 1998 (D.C. Law 12-167; D.C. Official Code § 3-101 et. seq.), for a three-year term to end on July 2, 2026, replacing Molly M. Gill.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the appointee, to the chairperson of the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission, and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Joel Castón

Author | Consultant | Speaker

KEY SKILLS —

- Fluent in English and Spanish. Speaks conversational French, some Arabic, and Mandarin.
- Certified Health and Life Insurance agent

EXPERIENCE

2021-Present

Fellow • Consultant • Justice Policy Institute

2021-2023

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (ANC) • ANC 7F07 • District of Columbia Government

2018-2023

Founding Member • Young Men Emerging Mentor • DC Department of Corrections

The first incarcerated individual elected to public office in Washington D.C. in the historic victory • Locally elected representative of D.C.'s non-partisan neighborhood body: the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)

COMMUNICATION

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) (2022)

- Appeared on the ACLU's At Liberty Podcast in the episode "How to Win an Election from Jail"

The Vera Institute of Justice (2021)

- Featured as keynote speaker at Championing Dignity: Addressing Harm and Improving Prison Culture through Anti-Racism conference with activists, formerly incarcerated individuals, and correctional leaders working to reform prisons and champion dignity using restorative justice

LEADERSHIP

Commissioner of ANC 7F07, a district encompassing D.C. Jail, a women's shelter, and an apartment complex, and Treasurer of ANC 7F • Co-chair of the Ward 7 Redistricting Task Force, which was tasked with redrawing ANC district lines in Ward 7, one of eight wards in D.C., and submitting the proposed map to D.C. City Council.